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## GOVERNOR CANDIDATES WAX BITTER \$50,000 COMPANY TO BUILD MANY FINE HOMES IN TORRANCE BEGIN NEW STREET QUITTING MOVE

### LEAVE OUT ALL USED STREETS

Trustees Pass Resolution to Vacate Thoroughfares for Santa Fe

BOARD TO SPEED ACTION  
Great Benefit to Torrance Prompts a Unanimous Opinion on Move

Leaving out Cedar and Maple avenues, a new resolution of intention to vacate streets in the Santa Fe industrial district was unanimously passed by the Torrance Board of Trustees Monday night.

Every member of the board signified an intention to speed through the proceedings as rapidly as legally possible. All expressed the belief that the Santa Fe development guarantees the future growth of Torrance.

The new resolution of intention takes the place of the old one which the board cancelled last week at the request of the Santa Fe. In the new resolution no need streets are slated for vacation.

The new resolution stipulates that the district which shall bear the expense of the proceedings is the property owned by the Santa Fe. The former resolution made the entire city the district.

That the Chamber-Cutfield Midway Company intends writing a letter to the Board of Trustees, setting forth their plans for the Torrance property's development, was the information received in official circles this week.

### Will Complete Legion's Home Without Delay

Veterans Post Refinances to Finish Clubhouse at Once

Having incorporated and disposed of considerable stock to members and Torrance business men, the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion recently successfully negotiated a new loan and will complete the clubhouse at Carson street and Cota avenue at once.

The cost of the building exceeded original estimates, making the refinancing plan necessary. The building will cost about \$8000. Members of the post have done much of the work on the clubhouse themselves.

### BILL THE BARBER SAYS

One of the most notable achievements of modern chemistry is the blonde.



### Missouri's Oldest Man Is 111 He's Saving Up For His Old Age Says He'll Live to Age of 130

"I'm going to live to be 130," declares Missouri's oldest man, Ben F. Hodge, who was 111 years old recently.

Tall, straight as a string, working from early dawn until late at night, he looks as if he might carry out that wish. He lives in a little hut near Hendrickson, Mo., which he built on a 40-acre farm that he purchased a few years ago.

"When I bought the farm," he said, "it was in the woods. I have cleared 17 acres and put it under cultivation. I want to get the most of it cleared so that when I get older I can live off the rent."

He plans to retire within a few years and live with one of his sons or daughters, the youngest of whom is 55.

"It beats me," he said, "how some people, think they are old when they are about 75. My father

future and don't let my mind go back to things that have passed unless they are of a pleasant nature."

The only experience "Uncle Ben" ever had with a doctor was one day about 50 years ago when he got his fingers tangled up in a circular saw. His creed is that "medicine is to give, not to take."

"Sometimes," he says, "I think I have served my time, and I think I and the world would be better off without me. No one can say a bad thing about me, except that I used to like my liquor."

"I get to thinking that I ought to die and give my place to some one younger than I am. Then again, I think that I am getting along fine—that I could go to the homes of some of my children and spend the remainder of my life, and I am happy."



"UNCLE BEN" HODGE

was 107 when he died, and then he was killed accidentally.

Rejected for Civil War "Uncle Ben" is a Civil War veteran. He was old when the war broke out and was rejected because of an injured leg. But he served just the same, being actively engaged in the battles of Pea Ridge and Wilson Gap.

Hodge has been married three times. He was first married when 45 years of age. His third wife died 35 years ago.

"How many children did you have?" he was asked.

"Well, sir," he said, "I just can't remember. I know I have four living, but I can't recall for the life how many died."

"I have dismissed all my troubles. I am thinking of the present and

### Criswell Speaks To Rotary Club

Ralph Criswell, Los Angeles city councilman and candidate for Congress in this, the Tenth district, spoke before the Rotary Club this noon at the Women's Clubhouse. His subject was "Colorado River Development." His address was accompanied by moving pictures.

Mr. Criswell twice has represented the city of Los Angeles in Washington in connection with Colorado River legislation, and has a comprehensive knowledge of the project.

Oh, look! Fence lumber, \$15 per 1000. Consolidated Lumber Co. —Adv.

### HOT BOLTS ECHO IN STATE

Richardson Lams Young as Pet of William R. Hearst

GOODCELL 'RAPS 'FRIEND'  
State Campaign Gets Down to Real Business This Week

With the primary election only a few weeks away, candidates for major state offices in California this week got down to the real business of the campaign. Almost every candidate of any note whatsoever issued his first strong blast against the issues espoused by his opponents.

The result was a statewide explosion of political invective that echoed over the hills and valleys and swamped the newspapers with fat publicity envelopes.

California is a large state, as all and sundry probably know. And one of the chief means of disseminating political opinions over the great commonwealth is through the newspapers, large and small.

We feel, therefore, that we are doing justice to our readers by publishing this week a few of the statements made by candidates this week, and rushed post-haste to all newspapers.

Lack of space compels us this week to use only publicity of gubernatorial candidates.

Richardson's Attack  
Gov. Richardson's publicity attacked C. C. Young in the following terms:

"SAN FRANCISCO.—(By J. Emmet Olmsted, Chairman Richardson for Governor Newspapermen's Campaign Committee.)—During the next two months it will be interesting to watch, at close range, the antics of the politicians of this city. They are polishing and oiling their political machines in preparation for a renewal of major operations. Heartened by their capture of the machinery of the government of the city and county of San Francisco at a recent election here, they are going gunning for bigger game. Their next goal is the state government."

Cite N. Y. Orders  
"The pickings of the municipality are not enough. The jobs do not begin to go 'round, and the emoluments are unnecessarily restricted. Besides, they have had their orders from New York. These orders are from William Randolph Hearst. They know that without the aid of the Hearst newspapers they never could have won in the last municipal election. They know that without the support of the Hearst newspapers they cannot win in the next municipal election—at which they hope to unseat Mayor Rolph and seat a mayor who will be more 'amenable to reason.' Hence Hearst's orders must be obeyed."

Hearst orders to the San Francisco pollies are: 'BEAT RICHARDSON!' And the pollies, by and with the aid of the Hearst newspapers, are prepared to go the absolute limit. Nor will this be an unpleasant task. The politicians of the city and county of San Francisco have no use on earth for Governor Richardson. All state administration doors are closed to them. They have not been able to either coax or, by strong-arm tactics, get Richardson out of the office he knows."

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### Observations

Bobby Jones, Real Sportsman—The Dover Disaster  
The Astors and the West—Who Pays for War?  
French Wounded Protest Payments

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVEN those who do not play golf have been interested in the career of Bobby Jones, 24-year-old Atlanta Georgian, who this year won the British and American open championships.

The golfer is interested because of the sterling game this young Southern player has shown.

The non-golfer is interested because he reads that Jones is a clean sportsman, playing the game for the game's sake, without hope of financial reward, and always acting the gentleman in his relations with an opponent.

Jones' bearing and demeanor during a contest won the hearts of all British golfers.

Jones' two victories this year have not been just American victories. They have been victories for a clean young man who plays the game fairly and with true sportsmanship.

The Dover disaster reveals the impotence of man before the might of Nature. A lightning bolt out of the sky precipitated the explosion that made mock of the works of mortals. The time was when a superstitious race would have regarded the catastrophe as an act of vengeance by a jealous or angry god.

Most of us now realize that lightning is the passing of an electric current from a positively charged cloud to a negative medium. And while we do not hold generally that the destruction of war materials by lightning is necessarily the working of a Divine will, nevertheless we might take a lesson from the disaster.

The arsenals were built and maintained for purposes of war. War is wholesale murder, sanctioned by nations that frown on murder by retail.

The arsenals housed great shells designed to destroy men. A bolt of lightning destroyed the artificial forces of destruction.

If we refuse to read divine lessons in the Dover disaster, we still might take a lesson from it.

It is eloquent.

VISCOUNT WALDORF ASTOR, grandson of the original John Jacob Astor, is coming to Southern California. The founder of the Astor fortune made his money on New York real estate. He visioned a great city on Manhattan Island and bought all the land he could acquire. The growth of America made him a vast fortune.

Viscount Astor may see in the west some of the visions his grandfather had in the east. The Pacific Coast has scarcely started to develop. The time will come when cities along the Atlantic seaboard will be second-rate in size as compared to the municipal queens along the Pacific.

The man who can buy some of California and keep it through lean days and fat should do so. Land is basic. The future of the United States is bound up in the west. Destiny points to the far Pacific horizons.

Fifty years from now Lord Astor's grandson will see as great a change in the west as has taken place in New York since the original John Jacob exercised his practical imagination.

WOUNDED French veterans marched the other day by the thousands in protest against debt settlements with Great Britain and the United States.

Our hearts go out to these brave pollies. They fought in the defense of their homes. They were maimed in the most barbarous of all wars.

And now, despite their honorable wounds, they must pay and their sons and sons' sons must pay.

Space treaties end only the actual fighting. For years and years, for generations, nations, which are people, must suffer privation and hardship to meet the obligations imposed on them by blind diplomats.

No war is necessary. No war ever settled much of anything. Veterans of France that they knew why they were fighting. Now they all wonder what it was about.

Still nations go forward girding themselves in armor for the next great carnival of blood and bones.

### 66 Stockholders Form Corporation to Erect Houses

Good Dwellings on Big Lots at Moderate Prices Purpose of Group Who Launch New Civic Activity Here

13 SITES FOR RESIDENCES ALREADY OPTIONED

Building Will Start as Soon as Charter Is Received; Several Ask to Buy Homes; Long Felt Need Is Supplied

Capitalized at \$50,000, the Torrance Home Builders, Incorporated, was launched last week to build up Torrance by providing moderately priced, well built homes, located on large lots and within reach of families with fixed incomes.

At present there are 66 stockholders in the corporation. The subscription books are still open. The organization held a preliminary meeting last Thursday night and elected temporary directors as follows: James W. Post, C. A. Paxman, J. R. Jensen, George W. Neill, Tom Foley, Mrs. Brady Wolfe, and W. Harold Kingsley.

The directors Friday afternoon elected the following temporary officers: C. A. Paxman, president; George W. Neill, vice-president; J. R. Jensen, secretary; James W. Post, treasurer.

Buy 13 Lots  
Mr. Jensen was instructed to file incorporation papers and handle the other preliminary legal business of the company.

As soon as a charter is received a meeting of stockholders will be held and permanent directors chosen. These directors will then select permanent officers.

Thirteen lots in the Cedar avenue-Redondo boulevard district have been optioned by the corporation, and the company will start the erection of several five-room houses as soon as possible.

C. A. Paxman said this week that three requests for houses and that it is apparent that dwellings can be sold as rapidly as they can be financed and built. Mr. Paxman was chiefly responsible for the formation of the company and with George W. Neill found hearty support for the project among citizens of Torrance.

Says Need Long Felt  
"The need for a building company to construct houses which will meet the demand of an industrial city," said Mr. Paxman, "has long been felt in Torrance. The corporation which is being

formed will do much to satisfy a demand and if successful will provide a strong factor in the growth of this city.

"Many men who work in Torrance and live elsewhere will move here if they can buy good houses at reasonable prices. A number of such men have signified their intentions of buying homes here. The lack of a building company here has held Torrance back. Inglewood was practically made by a building corporation. The same results can be obtained here. The primary purpose of the corporation is to satisfy the demands peculiar to an industrial city. Our aim is to build houses well and to dispose of them at reasonable prices. That is our chief aim. It is heartening to find so much support in Torrance for such a company."

Stockholders in the projected corporation to date are as follows: Brian K. Welch, Geo. W. Neill, C. A. Paxman, John Dennis, Mrs. E. J. McCarthy, Mrs. M. Foley, James Palmer, J. R. Jensen, R. H. Dolley, W. Harold Kingsley, Grover C. Bay, Alfred Goudier, Sam Rappaport, L. B. Kelsey, Ben Rappaport, B. J. Scott, F. L. Parks, J. H. Fess, E. W. Huddleston, Ed Little, John Holm, J. J. Dunlop, Mrs. Hughena Roberts.

Simon Rappaport, Sam Levy, Geo. D. Watson, Tom E. Watson, W. F. Shelhart, Carl L. Hyde, Fred Palmer, J. R. Jensen, R. J. Haynes, J. S. Lancaster, DeKalb Spurlin, W. H. Stanger, Chas. M. Inman, Otto Mikelson, Mrs. Hattie Wolfe, Fred Burkhardt, H. M. Tolson, Evans & Clark, O. E. Fossum, Norman A. Leake, Jas. A. Wolfe.

Wm. Pickrell, A. B. Denny, John Chenoweth, Howard L. Mann, Joe C. Bay, Frank E. Bashor, H. R. Blanchard, Richard F. Detrick, John Ferguson, Robt. J. Poe, W. G. Davies, Richard C. Vaughan, E. E. Kent, Geo. P. Shider, E. S. Frenger, C. M. Howard, John Salm, R. C. Kite, Henry McCulloch, R. R. Smith, W. Rufus Page, Geo. A. Proctor, Thomas S. Butcher.

### Royal Neighbors To See Track Meet

There will be no meeting of the Royal Neighbors in Torrance this week.

Instead, the Torrance members are invited to attend a track meet to be held in the Odd Fellows hall at Tenth and Gaffey streets, San Pedro, on Friday, July 16, at 8 o'clock, the San Pedro lodge to be host.

Those who wish to go are requested to meet at 7:15 at the corner of Carson street and Arlington avenue, where transportation will be available.

### Torrance Officials To Attend Confab

City Attorney P. G. Briney and City Engineer Frank R. Leonard were appointed Torrance municipal representatives at a meeting to be held at the City Club in Los Angeles next Thursday to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance of Los Angeles County.

### Jensen Resigns As Adjutant of Veterans' Post

Would Not Hold Office While He Is a Candidate for Election

J. R. Jensen, candidate for Justice of the Peace, resigned Tuesday night as adjutant of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion. In presenting his resignation he called attention to a provision in the Legion constitution that no candidate for a remunerative office may hold an office in a Legion post.

The post accepted the resignation with regret, but urged Mr. Jensen to continue as adjutant pro tem, until his successor is named.

Mrs. H. J. Beardsley of Oberlin, Kan., was a recent guest at the McDonald home on 21st street.

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